

**REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and consideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-27 were pending in this application. By the above amendment, Claims 1, 6, 11, 18 and 22 have been amended, Claims 4, 5, 7, 16, 17, 19 and 25-27 have been cancelled and new Claims 28-33 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 6, 8-15, 18, 20-24 and 28-33 are currently pending in this application.

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
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